Low Productivity of Food Crops in Eastern States

29. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the low productivity of food crops in the eastern States, including the Chattisgarh region of Madhya Pradesh has not allowed the full benefits of green revolution to flow to the farmers of these States, what special steps are envisaged for this region;

(b) whether Government will consider a special package to be implemented at the earliest; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Crop development programmes have been lauanched to extend the benefit of green revolution in Eastern States but agro-climatic conditions of Eastern States including the Chattisgarh region of Madhya Pradesh is such that inspite of efforts made, the productivity of food crops is low and has not allowed the full benefits of green revolution to flow to the farmers as it has happened in Northern States.

(b) and (c) With a view to supplement the efforts of State Government, Government of India has launched programmes from time to time for increasing production and productivity of food crops in Eastern States including the Chattisgarh region of Madhya Pradesh. A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "On-Farm Water management for increasing Crop Production in Eastern India" is being contemplated for operation during the remaining period of 9th Five Year Plan. The scheme has not yet been approved.